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In re Application of:

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For: RETROREFLECTIVE ARTICLES
HAVING MICROCUBES, AND
TOOLS AND METHODS FOR
FORMING MICROCUBES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed in this case on August 1, 2000, applicants provisionally elect, Invention I, species (5), as identified in paragraph 4 of the restriction requirement.

For the record, applicants respectfully point out that species (1) as identified by the examiner is but a special case of species (2), wherein the parameter identified as "slip" is set at $s=0$. Applicants further point out that species (3) identified by the examiner, namely, rectangular micro-sized cube corner elements canted such that one of the cube faces is triangular, is but a special case of species (4), namely, rectangular micro-sized cube corner elements having various cube axis cant values, such that the indicated cube corner face is either triangular or pentagonal. This is clearly illustrated in Fig. 28.

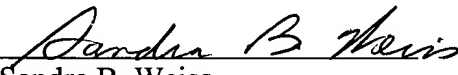
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Species (5) as identified by the Examiner is the embodiment of Fig. 29. As explained in the specification in the paragraph spanning pages 60-61, this embodiment relates to an array of rectangular microcubes particularly suitable for use in sheeting to be used in retroreflective pavement markers. Figure 30 illustrates a perspective view of the same embodiment.

Article claims that can encompass the embodiment of Figs. 29 and 30 include 1-13, 18, 26, 29, 30, 91-93 and 94.

It is respectfully requested that the above-identified claims be considered on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,


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